

International Workshop on Participatory Democracy's Non-Human and Non-Living "Others"

Workshop Program

May 2nd 2014, The Open Center, 22 East 30th St, New York

Welcome to this interdisciplinary, international workshop where we bring together experimental methods, projects, enactments and concepts for exploring the roles played in participatory democracy by forms of agency that exceed the boundaries of the conventional individual subject.

(T) Talk; (PK) Pecha Kucha

9-9.45am Room 3A	Welcome and Introductions Tehseen Noorani and Julian Brigstocke
9.45-11.15am Room 3A	Anatoli Ignatov How Land Speaks: Orature and ecological change (T) Michelle Bastian Multi-Species Methods: Participatory research and the more-than-human (T) Gwendolyn Blue Animal Publics: Political subjectivity after the human subject (T)
11.15-11.45am	Coffee Break
11.45-1.15pm Room 3A	Aaron Goodfellow 'It's a Killing Machine Just Waiting for You': Chemical dependency, slave narratives, and biological citizenship in Baltimore Maryland (T) Tehseen Noorani Psychedelic Experience: Knowing through encounters with the non-human (PK) Naveeda Khan From Metamorphosis to Sentience in Plants: Two approaches (T) Ali Lara Spicy and Thermoception: The affective experience of eating street food (PK)
11.45-1.15pm Room 3B	Ananya Mukherjea and Jeffrey Bussolini La Vie en Commun: Cat yoga (T) Catherine D'Ignazio The Babbling Brook (PK) Andres Marquez-Lara Imagining and Embodying 'Others': How theater helps us explore the relationship between humans and non-present, non-human and non-living 'others' (PK) Amy Hicks With the Animal in Mind: Searching for the girl with the hairy paw (PK)

1.15-2.30pm Lunch
1.40-2pm Screening of 'Testimonies and Evidence: I, Daughter of Kong' by the IDOK
Center for Research, presented by Amy Hicks
2-2.30pm Experiential activity with Andres Marquez-Lara

2.30-4pm Rita Turner
Room 3A Re-Imagining Human Relationships with the More-Than-Human World (PK)
Fernando Quigua and Joshua W. Clegg
Toward an Aesthetic Science (T)
Swayam Bagaria
Touching the 'Untouchable': Reflections from contemporary Dalit criticism (T)
Elan Abrell
Collaborative Rescue: Non-human agency in animal sanctuaries (PK)

2.30-4pm John Maher
Room 3B Derrida, Latour and Barad go to Critter Court: Personhood as a condition of possibility
(T)
Sam Kirwan
The 'Others' of Advice Work (PK)
María Torre
The Co-Minglings of Solidarity and Participation in Community Research on Policing
(PK)
Claire Blencowe
The Holy Spirit and the Dream of Democracy: From Hydra to Hercules (and back?) (T)

4-4.15pm Coffee Break

4.15-5.15pm Plenary discussion identifying emergent themes, challenges and possibilities
Room 3A With Jane Bennett

5.15-5.30pm Close
Room 3A Julian Brigstocke and Tehseen Noorani
